

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-2 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 3-18 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is traversed.

II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims overcome the objections.

III. CLAIMS 1-16 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 USC 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER ODA ET AL (6,731,778) IN VIEW OF FUJIOKA (7,014,105)

Claim 3 recites:

a security camera positioned at a predetermined location in said bill receptacle and **captures an image of the interior of said bill receptacle** when said shutter is opened; and

said security camera operates to capture an image of when said sensors detect the bills being taken out for **determining if at least one of the bills remains in said bill receptacle**. (Emphasis added)

Oda et al. relates to an automated-teller machine 215 with a photographing apparatus 216, a camera with lenses for photographing a face 217, a camera with lenses for photographing a hand 218.

Fujioka relates to a bill handling machine that checks the authenticity of bills as the bills are deposited through the deposit port.

Neither Oda et al. or Fujioka teach or suggest a security camera that "captures an image of the interior of said bill receptacle" and determines "if at least one of the remaining bills remains in said bill receptacle" as recited in claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

Claims 4-17 depend from claim 3 and include all of the features of that claim, plus additional features that are not taught or suggest by the cited art and therefore patentably distinguish over the cited art.

IV. NEW CLAIM

New claim 18 recites "An automatic teller machine, comprising: a bill receptacle open and closed by a shutter; a camera in said bill receptacle able to capture an image of **an interior of the bill receptacle**; a plurality of sensors inside of the bill receptacle, wherein when the sensors detect that bills contained in the bill receptacle are being taken out, the camera captures

an image to **determine if at least one of the bills remained in the bill receptacle.**" (Emphasis added).

Neither Oda et al. or Fujioka teach or suggest an automatic teller machine in this manner. It is respectfully that this new claim patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

V. CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

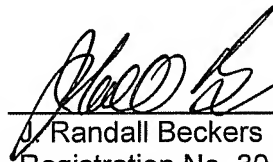
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